## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–1005

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Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives H-305, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$750,000 in funding for "Decatur Recreation Center Clean Energy Project" in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Decatur located at 509 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030. The project location where funds will be used is located at 231 Sycamore Street, Decatur, 30030.

The funds would be used for the installation of a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array and lithium-ion battery storage, which will offset a portion of the facility's electricity usage with onsite renewables and maintain critical functions during outages. The primary goals are to reduce the City's reliance on fossil fuels that pollute the air and water, reduce electricity costs, and improve operational resilience with battery storage.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the project will support job growth in the renewable energy industry, combat climate change, and support the City's efforts to convert to renewable sources of energy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Nikema Williams Member of Congress